

ER 8-7059

OGC Has Reviewed

12 October 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR: General Counsel

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SUBJECT: Possible Conflict of Interest - [REDACTED]
Executive, OCR

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[REDACTED] of the [REDACTED] 25X1A5a1

to help them in certain planning involving the Library setup in the new building. These gentlemen are recognized authorities in this field with absolutely top notch reputations. I have attached a record of their background and experience. Their selection was to some extent due to the suggestions of [REDACTED] 25X1A9a

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[REDACTED] Executive, OCR, who is himself a trained librarian.

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2. About two years ago [REDACTED] in conjunction with the brother of the above [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] formed a partnership to start a [REDACTED] which in essence is a placement service to which libraries and individuals may subscribe. They issue a publication, a copy of which is attached. 25X1A9a [REDACTED] entrance into this outside activity was approved by the Office of Security in August 1954 provided that the Director of Personnel and Legal Counsel reacted favorably. The Office of Personnel approved the activity in Sept. 1954 with the recommendation that [REDACTED] should not recommend prospects for Agency employment. The Legal Counsel on 29 Oct. 1954 stated that it did not "perceive any conflict of interest in the contemplated activity." 25X1A9a (Incidentally, the [REDACTED] was started with Mr. 25X1A5a1

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[REDACTED] and Mr. [REDACTED] each contributing \$700 capital and at present each nets approximately \$50 a month.) 25X1A5a1

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3. The question has arisen whether the employment of Mr. [REDACTED] on a consultant basis to OCR would represent any possible conflict of interest owing to his brother's connection with [REDACTED] in the [REDACTED] 25X1A9a

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This Office does not see that such conflict would ensue but would like to have the opinion of your office. The employment of Mr. [REDACTED] cannot in any way redound to the personal advantage of [REDACTED] has subscribed to the [REDACTED] but did so well before the contemplated consultantship. 25X1A9a

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